

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 5 1. An apparatus comprising in combination: a horizontal platform mounted on plural wheels, for rolling movement on a supporting surface; a sidewall integral with, and extending upwardly from an upfacing surface of the platform; and a vertical jacking device having a jack foot positioned in contact with the supporting surface interior of the sidewall, the sidewall having a height superior to a height of the jack foot so that the jack
10 foot is restrained within the sidewall.
2. The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising a trailer rigidly engaged medially with the vertical jack whereby the vertical jack supports a load on the trailer.
3. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the platform is rectangular, the plural wheels comprising four caster wheels, one of the caster wheels positioned adjacent each one of
15 four corners of the rectangular platform.
4. The apparatus of claim 3 wherein the sidewall is positioned relative to the caster wheels such that a downward force on the vertical jacking device is transferred to the platform interiorly relative to upward support forces on the platform exerted by the caster wheels.
5. An apparatus comprising: a horizontal platform mounted on plural wheels, for rolling
20 movement on a supporting surface; a closed figure sidewall integral with, and extending upwardly from an upfacing surface of the platform; a vertical jacking device having a jack foot positioned in contact with the supporting surface interior of the sidewall, the sidewall having a height enabling lateral restraint of the jack foot motion, wherein the sidewall is positioned relative to the caster wheels such that a downward force on the
25 vertical jacking device is transferred to the platform interior to upward support forces on the platform exerted by the caster wheels.
6. An apparatus comprising in combination: a horizontal platform mounted on plural wheels, for rolling movement on a supporting surface; a sidewall integral with, and extending upwardly from an upfacing surface of the platform; and a vertical jacking

device having a jack foot positioned in contact with the supporting surface interior of the sidewall, the sidewall having a height superior to a height of the jack foot so that the jack foot is restrained within the sidewall and a trailer rigidly engaged with the vertical jack at a medial position thereon.

- 5 7. The apparatus of claim 6 wherein the trailer provides a trailer hitch proximal the vertical jack.
8. The apparatus of claim 6 wherein the platform is rectangular, the plural wheels comprising four caster wheels, one of the caster wheels positioned on each one of four corners of the rectangular platform.
- 10 9. The apparatus of claim 8 wherein the sidewall is positioned relative to the caster wheels such that a downward force on the vertical jacking device is transferred to the platform interior to upward support forces on the platform exerted peripherally by the caster wheels.
10. A method of providing rolling support and manual mobility to a trailer, the trailer
15 initially connected to a towing vehicle by a hitch, the method comprising the steps of:
positioning the trailer using the towing vehicle; raising a jack foot of a vertical jacking device attached to the trailer proximal the hitch; positioning a platform below the jack foot; lowering the jack foot into contact centrally on the platform within a sidewall positioned to restrain the jack foot within the sidewall, thereby transferring weight of the
20 trailer from the hitch to the platform; disengaging the trailer from the towing vehicle at the hitch; displacing the towing vehicle; and positioning the trailer manually by moving the jacking device and trailer on wheels supporting the platform.